



[4910-13]

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2011-1399; Airspace Docket No. 11-ASW-14]

Amendment of Class E Airspace; Kerrville, TX

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action amends Class E airspace at Kerrville, TX. Additional controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate new Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures at Kerrville Municipal Airport/Louis Schreiner Field. The geographic coordinates of the airport also are adjusted. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations at the airport. Due to subsequent decommissioning, the Shein locator outer marker/nondirectional radio beacon (LOM/NDB) will be removed from the regulatory text.

DATES: Effective date: 0901 UTC, November 15, 2012. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Enander, Central Service Center, Operations Support Group, Federal Aviation Administration, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137; telephone (817) 321-7716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On May 21, 2012, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class E airspace for the Kerrville, TX, area, creating additional controlled airspace at Kerrville Municipal Airport/Louis Schreiner Field (77 FR 29921) Docket No. FAA-2011-1399. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Subsequent to publication, it was discovered that the Shein LOM/NDB had been decommissioned. This action removes the Shein LOM/NDB from the regulatory text,

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9V dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

The Rule

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by amending Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to accommodate new standard instrument approach procedures at Kerrville Municipal

Airport/Louis Schreiner Field, Kerrville, TX. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport. Geographic coordinates are updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action also removes the decommissioned Shein LOM/NDB from the regulatory text.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace at Kerrville Municipal Airport/Louis Schreiner Field, Kerrville, TX.

Environmental Review

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraph 311a. This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air)

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E. O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005: Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface.

* * * * *

ASW TX E5 Kerrville, TX [Amended]

Kerrville Municipal Airport/Louis Schreiner Field, TX

(lat. 29°58'36"N., long. 99°05'08"W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 7.6-mile radius of Kerrville Municipal Airport/Louis Schreiner Field, and within 2 miles each side of the 310° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.6-mile radius to 12.3 miles northwest of the airport, and within 2.2 miles each side of the 131° bearing from the airport extending from the 7.6-mile radius to 11.6 miles southeast of the airport.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on August 29, 2012.

David P. Medina
Manager, Operations Support Group
ATO Central Service Center

[FR Doc. 2012-22585 Filed 09/13/2012 at 8:45 am; Publication Date: 09/14/2012]